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HOGSETT ANNOUNCES LATEST SENTENCING IN WASHINGTON-AREA METHAMPHETAMINE PROSECUTION

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS – Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Jeremy Mandabach, age 32, of Washington, was sentenced to 168 months (14 years) in prison today by U.S. District Judge Jane E. Magnus-Stinson following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

“This was a major drug trafficking organization that brought huge amounts of methamphetamine into Daviess and Knox Counties,” Hogsett said. “Today’s sentencing by Judge Magnus-Stinson reiterates how seriously federal criminal justice treats those who peddle this deadly and destructive substance in Hoosier communities.”

Mandabach served as a distributor for a methamphetamine and marijuana trafficking operation led by Jose Vasquez-Silva and Mario Rodas. The organization operated from approximately August 2009 through December 9, 2010 and distributed approximately fifteen pounds of methamphetamine per month in the Washington and Vincennes area.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Evansville office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Marshal’s Service, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division, Homeland Security Investigations, Indiana State Police, Vincennes Police Department, Washington Police Department, Daviess County Sheriff’s Department, Vigo County Sheriff’s Department, Gibson County Sheriff’s Department.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Magnus-Stinson also imposed five years supervised release following Mandabach’s release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Mandabach must undergo drug testing and is subject to the random search of his person, vehicle, and residence.

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